

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 18 are all the claims pending in the application.

In view of the fact that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences has reversed the rejection of dependent claims 17 and 18, Applicant is hereby amending claim 1 to include the recitations of dependent claim 17 and is re-writing independent claim 18 in independent form.¹

Claim 17 is hereby canceled.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and immediate allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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¹ See MPEP 1206 at pg. 1200-22, col. 2, regarding Amendments Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.33(a)(2).